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Stirling Mayor David Boothman with sustainability program manager Sean Rooney, mascot Les Waste and parks and reserves manager Sam Morrison. |Picture: Dominique Menegaldo
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KEEP Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) judge Sean Rooney has jetted into Perth to size up parts of Stirling.

After recently winning a KABC Sustainable Cities award for its 10-year Million Trees Initiative, the City of Stirling is now in the running for a national honour.

The council won its state award in the Protection of the Environment category last month.

Given the green light by the council in 2008, the initiative involves adding one million native and exotic trees to local areas by 2020.

As part of the evaluation process for the national prize, Mr Rooney inspected areas including North Beach with Stirling Mayor David Boothman and the city's sustainability mascot Les Waste.

"At a local level, this project has made a mammoth difference to future generations," Mr Rooney said. "The City has taken real action – they are a very impressive contender."

The Million Trees program also aids and encourages local sporting clubs to reduce their carbon footprint by recycling and reducing waste.

"We are always hearing stories about how liveable Australia's cities are, we've got to be hearing

more about how we are making our cities more sustainable," Mr Rooney said.

The awards acknowledge the efforts of government agencies, community groups and residents in making their areas more sustainable.

Winners will be announced later this year.



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